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News You Can Use



At our February 17th meeting, Major Michael Griffith presented some steps about getting promotions in Civil Air Patrol. Here is some additional basic information: Promotion in the CAP is based on the old military principle of time in grade/time in service.

There are two primary ways to be promoted in the CAP.

1. Prior military experience - if an individual has served in the military and provided a copy of the DD Form 214 or promotion order then you can be appointed to the same grade that you held in the military. If a member obtains rank in this manner you must complete all the education/training requirements for that grade to be eligible for future promotions within CAP.

2. A new CAP Member without prior military service (this is the majority of CAP members) ~ All new members carry the title of Senior Member upon joining the CAP.

a. 2Lt Promotion - an individual must complete the Level I Orientation Course and Cadet Protection Program Training (CPPT). These classes are taught by Squadron personnel within 90 days of joining the Squadron, and serve as a Senior Member for six (6) months.

b. 1 Lt Promotion - an individual must complete the first level, Technician Rating, of their Specialty Track and serve twelve (12) months as a 2Lt. Promotions to Captain and higher grades have a whole alphabet soup of training requirements. Individual members who may think they are eligible for Captain or higher promotions need to review their records with Capt Herb Lauber, Senior Program Personnel Officer, to insure all necessary documentation is in their records to show completion of all requirements. A specialty Track that each CAP member must have is your duty position/assignment. There are eighteen (18) different specialty tracks for an individual to choose. The squadron is obtaining a description of each of the specialty tracks and the training requirements so individuals can review and select the training area they are interested in completing. The choice of a specialty track is not forever. If you start training in a specialty track and find you are not interested in that track you can change any time. The specialty track is your choice of what duties you would like to perform for the Squadron.

Service in CAP is a voluntary choice by the individual. However, CAP provides plenty of opportunities for individual choices of service, self-improvement, and satisfaction. Do not ever hesitate to talk with your Commander, CPT Alvarez, Deputy Commander, Maj Grafton, or Personnel Officer, Capt Lauber, on any questions you may have about CAP. If they don't know the answer, they will get you the answer.



FAA Ben Coleman, Aircraft Safety Management and
FAA K.T. Budde Jones, Aircraft Safety



Sample of the Certificates given



Mr. Kermit Weeks of Fantasy of Flight



EAA members and Mr. Weeks



2Lt Walter L. Grabenstein

Possible Project for SRQ

As a member of the local EAA Chapter 180, I had the pleasure of attending a FAA Ground School Course given at Fantasy of Flight, January 20, 2005.

The party atmosphere began with EAA Chapter 180 members enjoying a good breakfast at the inside restaurant of Fantasy of Flight. After breakfast, we toured the museum at our leisure and saw the B 17, the Avro Cadet 643, the 1937 Bucker "Jungmeiste", and many other vintage planes.

Then we had a lecture provide by FAA Ben Coleman, Aircraft Safety Management and FAA K.T. Budde Jones, Aircraft Safety Counselor, on the proper techniques for directing aircraft on the ground. The course provided many safety tips and reasons for having a grasp of good ground procedures and ethics in directing planes on the ground to the parking areas. After class, members volunteered in demonstrating the techniques learned from the course by directing auto on the flight parking area. It was demonstrated the fact that visibility by the pilot in a tail dragger is usually limited, so ground directions should be given from a 45 degree angle in front of the plane. This also provides better safety for the ground person giving the directions.

The real treat of the day, was when Mr. Kermit Weeks, a very skilled pilot and owner of Fantasy of Flight, gave the group a personal demonstration of his own P51, which is a beauty. He gave us a lecture as to the physical make up of the P51 and general statistics. He then took her up, made several passes and landed for personal conversation and photo opportunities

This was really a treat and I think it is worth of consideration for our Senior and Cadet members. The Cadets could use these ground skills in directing air traffic at up coming events.

I just thought it was worth mentioning.

Walt

Dates to Remember

March 3rd at 7:00pm Regular CAP Meeting at McClure Auditorium.

March 5th, 6th, 12th, and 13th. SRQ is planning a training SAREX. We will plan to train as many ES positions as possible.

March 7th at 7:00pm FAA Safety Seminar at Mc Clure Auditorium and organized by LTC Richard Petrucci, SRQ Safety Officer.

March 17th at 7:00pm CAP Meeting at McClure and Happy St. Patrick's Day

April 2-3: Professional Development Weekend. Sarasota Military Academy – classes on SLS,CLC, UCC.....etc.

April 9-19: Sun N Fun Air show, Lakeland. Many volunteers will be needed to man recruiting booths, chase ELT's, and get some mission base staff experience.

June 10-12 Wing Conference, Orlando.

July 24-31: Region Staff College, McGee Tyson AFB, Knoxville, Tenn. Contact LtCol. Wes Hannah for details.



Updated Squadron Duty Assignments

Command Staff

Commander: CPT Gilbert Alvarez

DC/Seniors: LTC. Richard Grafton

DC/Cadets: MAJ. Robert Bayless

Support Staff - Officers

Admin: CPT. Phil Scarpaci

Chaplain: LTC. Terry Jordan

Communications: MAJ. Robert Bayless

ES Officer: LTC. Frank Baily

Logistics: 2Lt. Victor Della Volpe

Operations: LTC. Lloyd Lininger

Personnel : MAJ. Herbert Lauber

Professional Dev: MAJ. Herbert Lauber

Recruiting: CPT. Louis Senatore

Transportation: CPT. Robert Bayless

Aerospace: MAJ. Michael Griffith

Chaplain: CPT. Elmer Dickson

Current Ops: 2Lt. Walter Grabenstein

Finance: LTC. Marge Hannah

Maintenance: 2Lt. Victor Della Volpe

Public Affairs Officer: SM Christina Vest

Cadet Personnel Officer: CPT. Debrah Merrick

Safety Officer: LTC. Richard Petrucci

Recruiting: 2Lt. W. Frank Burberry

Testing Officer for Seniors: MAJ. Michael Griffith

Congratulations



2Lt James Anzalone and CPT Alvarez

2Lt. James Anzalone received special recognition from the American Red Cross for his valuable service during the 2004 hurricane season. He spent many weeks in Central Florida coordinating and obtaining a wide range of emergency services for the hurricane victims.



LTC. Frank D. Baily

LTC. Frank Baily is our new Emergency Services Officer.



LTC. Lloyd L. Lininger

LTC. Lloyd L. Lininger is our Operations Officer.



CPT. Mariano Va and CPT. Alvarez

New Senior Member Mariano Va has been Promoted to Captain as our SRQ Legal Officer.

We welcome Senior Member Debbie Healey who plans to be our Nurse Officer. She is from Ellenton and can be reached at 729-8335 or dapheley@msn.com



2Lt. Eileen C. Grabenstein &
SRQ Commander: CPT. Gilbert Alvarez

Senior Member Eileen Grabenstein was promoted to Second Lieutenant. She has completed the scanner training and serves in Public Affairs.

Extra : Everyday Heroes

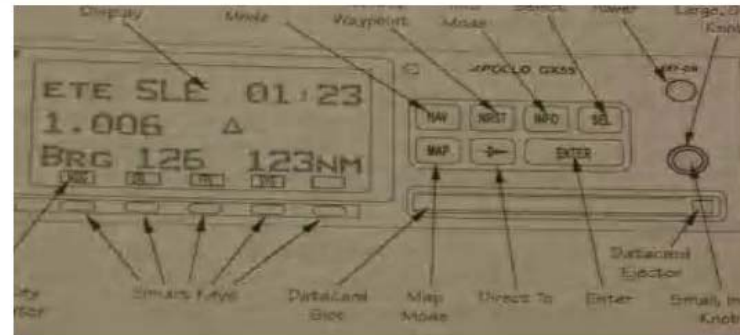


CPT. Debbie Merrick received television recognition on Baynews 9 in February 14th for her project of sending Valentines to our troops overseas. She has been sending supplies to the troops for over four years. You can watch the tv video on computer at <http://www.baynews9.com/Home.html> and click on extras, then Everyday Heroes for February 14th.

GX55 GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS)



At our February 17th meeting, Major Albert Bidwick, Jr. presented some steps about getting familiar with the N9828L GPS. Here is some additional basic information:



KNOB LARGE - Moves the cursor SMALL - Changes characters Either may change pages depending on the function.
KEYS **HARD**

NAV (Navigation) - Press once to reach the navigation function. Press twice to go to the "top" page. **NRST (Nearest Waypoint)** - Displays closest waypoints to your position. **INFO (Information)** - Press once for lots of valuable information about your waypoint. Press twice to return to the previous display. **SEL (Select)** - Press once to activate editing or the selection of options. Press twice to deactivate selection. **MAP (Graphic Moving Map)** - Starts the moving map function. **DIRECT-TO (D with arrow)** - Used to define a direct course from your present position to a waypoint. Press once to select a waypoint. Press twice to enter an OBS desired track To or From the current active waypoint. **ENTER** - Press to enter and save information flashing on the display. If the enter key is not pressed after editing, any changes made are not saved.

SMART - These keys provide custom controls for specialized functions. Five small unlabeled keys are located below the display. The label appears on the display and can change to give extra controls for the active function such as in the MAP function. You can always press the NAV key to go back to the Navigation function and view the normal "smart" keys. While in the NAV mode, the following five keys are available:

MSG (Message) - The MSG annunciator will flash when a new message is provided. Press to view messages. Press the MSG key a second time to return to the previous display after all new messages have been viewed. The MSG key will remain highlighted when a message remains.

DB (Database) - This key provides access to the waypoint database.

FLP (Flight Plan) - This key takes you to the flight planning function where you can create, edit, and control your flight plans.

SYS (System Mode) - Press to reach the System mode function. System mode is used to make system level adjustments and modify Nav function displays.

Do not use this option unless you confer with Dick Grafton.

SKIP (Start-Up Option) - Pressing this key during the start-up procedure Bypasses the start-up tests. **Do not use this option.**

MAP FUNCTION SMART KEYS

The map waypoint "smart" keys are present when the Moving Map pages are displayed. Pressing one or more of these keys allows you to declutter the map, find waypoint information, and setup your map information. Three selections are possible. Pressing the "smart" key subsequent times Will control which selection is made. Map waypoint choices are: Airport (APT), VOR, NDB, Intersection (INT), and User (USR).

A **solid** reversed waypoint type annunciator above the "smart" key means The waypoint identifier and location symbol will both be displayed.

A **bold** outline of the waypoint type annunciator will show only a symbol on the waypoint location.

A **thin** outline around the waypoint type means that it is turned off and No information for that waypoint type will be displayed on the map.

WAYPOINT LIST SMART KEY

The Waypoint List "smart" key shows a number. Press the key to scroll through the list of available waypoint types available for selection.

WAYPOINT SCAN KEY

When the SCAN key is highlighted in the Moving Map display, turning the large knob will move between the nearest airports. You can then press INFO to view information about that airport. In an emergency press DIRECT-TO and ENTER to fly direct to the highlighted airport. Press the SCAN key again to return the large knob to normal operation.

MAP SETUP KEYS The Map Setup page displays three "smart" keys that provide a short cut for customizing your moving map. The Route Line (RTE) "smart" key Toggles between On and Off. When On, the map depicts your course line. The Map Orientation "smart" key toggles between Desired Track (DTK), Track and North. The Map Reference (REF) "smart" key toggles between Plane and Destination as the moving map center point. Most pilot prefer:

ROUTE LINE: ON MAP ORIENT: DTK MAP REF: PLANE